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[XRUSH] MESSAGE:

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2) The Specification does not contain a paragraph referring to colored drawings as required per 37 CFR 1.84 (a)(2)(i).

[XRUSH] RESPONSE: Two sets of color photos has been supplied.

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ATTACHMENT* ➤ **DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES**

The present invention will be better understood from reading a description of a preferred embodiment thereof made in reference to the following drawings in which:

Figure 1, identified as Prior Art, is a photograph showing a hook joint used in the hardwood trailer floor industry;

10 Figure 2, identified as Prior Art, is a photograph showing wood strips on the conveyor at the entry of the press;

Figure 3, identified as Prior Art, is a photograph showing an example of an imperfect assembly at the entry of the press;

15 Figures 4a and 4b, identified as Prior Art, are photographs showing broken hook joints;

Figures 5a and 5b, identified as Prior Art, are photographs showing gaps between
20 two strips of wood;

Figures 6a and 6b, identified as Prior Art, are photographs showing an assembled truck trailer floor before it goes into the press;

25 Figure 7 is a photograph of a shiplap of a trailer or container floor;

Figure 8 is a photograph showing the new joint (top) and an example of one of the finger joints used by the moulding or furniture industry (bottom);

30 Figure 9 is a photograph showing a side view of a shiplap in a board made according to the prior art (top) and the present invention (bottom);

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